

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A process for production of a sheet of image cards comprising:
printing of a sheet so as to obtain a printed sheet with a plurality of images disposed in a plurality of windows, and
punching of said printed sheet so as to obtain a punched sheet with microperforations along the perimeter of said windows containing the image,
overprinting decorations on said ~~image windows~~ images on said sheet after printing of the images, and
depositing a protective layer on said decorations and images on said sheet so as to fix them and avoid removal of material ~~from the decorations~~.
2. (Original) A process according to claim 1, wherein said overprinting of decorations takes place before said punching.
3. (Original) A process according to claim 1, wherein said step of overprinting decorations takes place by hot transfer of decorations from a decorative foil.
4. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 1 wherein said decorations comprise one of pigments and flakes of noble metals.
5. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 1 wherein said protective layer is a transparent varnish which is deposited on the decorations.
6. (Original) A process according to claim 1 wherein said protective layer is a thin transparent film of plastic material.
7. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 1 further comprising a step of printing of writing, wherein the writing is printed on the back surface of the punched sheet, in register with each image.

8. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 7, wherein said printing step takes place by means selected from the group consisting of a photocopying machine and a printer.
- 9-18. (Cancelled)
19. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 4, wherein the noble metals are selected from the group consisting of gold, silver, and a combination of gold and silver.
20. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 5, wherein the varnish is deposited by means selected from the group consisting of spraying, brushes, rollers, and doctor blades, and the varnish is subsequently dried by ultraviolet lamps.
21. (New) A process according to claim 7, wherein the step of printing of writing is performed after depositing the protective layer.